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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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YASUO YODA, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: UNASSIGNED
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed. The concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language document is found in the enclosed English Abstract.

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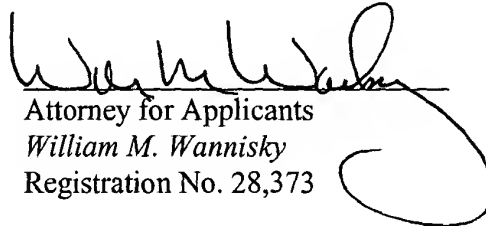
action on the merits or (2) expiration of the three month period following filing of the above-captioned application.

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